

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

FBD Holdings plc announces the appointment of Mr Andrew Langford as Interim Chief Executive following the sudden death of Philip Fitzsimons at the weekend. Mr. Langford has been Group Financial Director with FBD since 2004. The Board will proceed with the selection of a successor to Mr Fitzsimons in due course.

The Board has extended sympathy to the family of Mr Fitzsimons on behalf of all stakeholders in FBD. The Chairman, Michael Berkery, said "Philip Fitzsimons made an outstanding contribution to the successful development of FBD since joining the company in 1971. As Chief Executive since 2003 he led the company through a period of profitable growth. His wise and considerate counsel along with his energy and passion will be missed by all in the company."

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